

Sisters' Society C. E.

Ashland, Ohio

My dear Sisters:—I was beginning to fear our department would not be represented this week when I found the Philadelphia and the Summit Mill's S. S. C. E. had remembered their duty. We are thankful for these reports as also for those excellent papers from Sisters Frame and Miller. This being examination week I don't want to take the time to write more than to commend the societies that have sent in their contribution for the Washington City church property; and also to appeal to the other societies to complete their offering at once, if possible and send it to Brother Cassel or direct to Washington. From last week's report we noticed there was little more than two weeks' time before the payment must be made. The time is already a week shorter. The parable says, "Son, go work to day in the vineyard."

May God's special blessing be upon his workers everywhere.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Summit Mills, Pa.

As I am interested in the work of the S. S. C. E. and like to read the letters concerning this work and think them helpful and encouraging to society workers, I will write a few lines concerning the work at our place. Our society has been organized nearly one year, with about 25 members. We now number 35. We have a number of honorary members. We hold one open meeting each month at the church. Our program consists of songs, prayer, Scripture reading, recitations, select reading, roll call with Scripture responses, comments on lesson and select songs. We hold a collection at each meeting. We have only had five work meetings. We do some sewing. If we had more real active members we might do more. We had a chicken and waffle supper Feb. 10th. From this, with a few articles we had to sell, we realized \$22.66. It was enjoyed by all present and brought a nice little sum into the treasury, for a small village like ours.

I believe such meetings will strengthen our societies and help us secure funds. We can often give something in the way of a supper when we have no money. I think the S. S. C. E. affords great opportunities for doing good and we should make use of them. All societies should do something for the Washington cause. Let us make an effort to increase the subscription list of the EVANGELIST. I believe all church work would move along better if the members would take the church paper and read it. I would not do without it. Brother J. H. Knepper is our pastor and discharges his duty in every sense of the word. Our church is progressing nicely. Now I hope the sisters will not allow our column to pass by without some contribution. Let us all work for the cause of our blessed Master and the reward will be ours.

LIZZIE RISHEL.

Philadelphia, Pa.

In response to the repeated calls of our National President and inspired by the reports of those of our sisters who have obeyed the call, we send a brief report of the S. S. C. E. of this place. The last business meeting was held Feb. 26, the last Tuesday of the month, which is the appointed time of meeting. The business meetings are opened with devotional exercises, followed by the business of the evening, after which a short program is given consisting of songs, recitations, readings, etc., usually closed with a number of queries; the latter is quite an interesting and important part of the program, developing as they do at times some deep, spiritual thought. The society while not growing very rapidly in numbers has been growing spiritually. The members show a decided interest in missionary work, which of course is a natural result of spiritual growth; if we have the spirit of the Lord we must have the spirit of missions.

The society paid out last year for mission work about \$50, "this includes money paid to National and State Organizations, College and Washington church fund," which is a very good offering, considering the small number of members, and that for this work and charitable purposes only the dues and free will offerings are used. We would not take credit to ourselves but give praise to God that he has impressed us with the needs of the work and has enlarged our hearts and given us the desire to go beyond our own little gathering out into Judea and as opportunity affords even to the uttermost parts of the earth. All money earned by the society is paid into building fund of the church.

The sewing circle meets each week; it is impossible for many of the sisters to assist in this, and possibly some who could, do not, so the work is left mainly to a faithful few but it still continues with the untiring efforts of our president, (Sister Bowman) and they are being blessed in their labors. They that are faithful in the least are also faithful in much; surely it is the faithful ones whose names are written in the book of remembrance and at that great day will hear those loving words of commendation, "She hath done what she could." May it be said of us all. We would like to hear from the other societies of the S. S. of C. E., their means of raising funds, of interesting their members and developing them along spiritual lines.

ETHLYN CLARK.

Resolutions of Respect

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His wisdom and mercy to call from our midst our dear brother Philip Hoffman, who was the first one from the S. S. C. E. of New Highland, Ind., to be called to his reward. Therefore be it.

Resolved, That the S. S. C. E. sadly deplore the loss we sustain thru the death of one so good and faithful.

Resolved, That we show our heartfelt sympathy by word and deed, to the bereaved

relatives in the dark hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That since God doeth all things well, that we "pass under the rod" in humble submission and say "Thy will be done."

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the record of this Society, and copy of the same be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy of said resolutions be sent to the EVANGELIST.

Committee, Rosa Wolford, Sarah Stephy and Lola Hoffman.

Our Young People

Bethel

REV J E WRAY

At midnight, in a place apart,
While bowed in silent prayer,
With shining face and burning heart,
I felt a Presence there.

The peace which passeth knowledge mine,
And joy unspeakable,
Made silence melody divine—
And darkness beautiful!

Oh Thou, in Whom all pleasures blend,
Repeat the rapture given,
Bliss only God can comprehend—
A darkened closet—heaven!

—New York Observer.

CHRIST OUR MISSIONARY MODEL

John 4:5-15

Topic, April 1 (Quarterly Missionary Meeting)

From whatever point of view one may approach Christ he towers in his perfection as the sublimest ideal which we can comprehend. Now we see him as the compassionate friend of the friendless, one among the masses going about "doing good;" now he is the wisest of philosophers teaching the most basic principles of right living; now he is a judge sternly rebuking the self-righteous Pharisee and cleansing the Father's temple of the iniquitous peddlers; anon he is the great physician for whom no worthy case is too hard; in every place, at every time, on every occasion the greatness of his soul shines out with infinite inspiration for everyone who would be like him.

But it is as the world's missionary of the new covenant—the covenant not of law but of love—that he stands out in greatest completeness. He is the one whom the Father hath sanctified and sent into the world (John 10:36) and in this character he fulfills all his mission as friend and brother, light and helper, in whom the hope of the world has burst into blossom and fruit. Ideal as a son, ideal as a citizen, ideal as teacher, ideal as a friend, he becomes the ideal missionary for all to come.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

1 Christ our missionary model as to character. This is the first point because if character be lacking all the power of machinery and method will fail to produce good fruit. Note Christ's love (John 15:9), consecration (John 5:30; Luke 22:42), service (Matt. 20:28), humility (Phil. 2:8), self-sacrifice (11 Cor. 8:9), perseverance (John 17:4).

2 Christ our missionary model as to selection of field for labor. (1) Seeking the lost, John 4:7. See also Luke 19:10; 15:37; Ezek. 34:1, 5, 16; Matt. 10:16, 18:11. (2) To the regions beyond, John 4:9, 10, also Matt. 28:19; John 10:16; Mk. 16:15, 16; Rom. 15:20.

3 Christ our missionary model as to methods of work. Exposing sin, John 4:18; 15:22; teaching truth, John 12:46; religious truth, John 4:20:26, and social duties, Matt. 23:23; Matt. 22:21; ministering to physical and social needs, Acts 10:38; instructing converts, John 6:68.

4 Christ our missionary model in prayer. Prayer for workers, Matt. 9:38; in behalf of workers, John